

represent all that is highest and most cultivated and to give the tone to the best college thought, are all ultra-supporters of Wilson, are all much damaged by him, and join with him to inculcate flabbiness of moral fiber among the very men, and especially the young men, who should stand for what is best in American life. Therefore to the men who read your writings Wilson is more dangerous than Bryan.

Nothing is more sickening than the continual praise of Wilson's English, of Wilson's style. He is a true logothete, a real sophist; and he firmly believes, and has had no inconsiderable effect in making our people believe, that elocution is an admirable substitute for and improvement on action, I feel particularly bitter toward him at the moment because when Bryan left I supposed that meant that Wilson really had decided to be a man and I prepared myself to stand wholeheartedly by him. But in reality the point at issue between them was merely as to the proper point of dilution of tepid milk and water."

His views at this time about an international peace league were set forth on June 29, 1915, in a letter to E. A. Van Valkenberg:

"There is one point about those gentlemen who-rapport a League for International World Peace that is worth-while considering. Six months ago or more I outlined that program which they announced they had just discovered the other day. But I then very emphatically stated that it was a program for the future and that our first business

was to make good the promises we had
already made and
to put ourselves in position to defend our own
rights. These
gentlemen declined to say a word in favor of
our fitting
ourselves to go into *defensive* war in our own
interest; and
yet they actually wish to make us at this time
promise to
undertake *offensive* war in the interests of
other people!
It is a striking illustration of the recklessness
with which
the average American is willing to make any
kind of a
promise without any thought of how it can be
carried out.
Taken concretely, they propose that we shall
pledge our-